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(c) if so, the State-wise/UT-wise details of powers designated to each Department of ISM and H in opening of new dispensaries, controlling of various Medical and Para-Medical staff, keeping in view the expansion and development of ISM and H in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy has been created in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to develop and propagate Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy. The Research Councils working under this Department have their units in the various parts of the country. A number of National Institute are also functioning under this Department.

(b) 18 State Governments have established separate Directorates of Indian Systems of Medicine in their areas.

(c) As Health is a State subject, concerned State Governments set up dispensaries etc, keeping in view their inter se priorities and financial resources. Control over the medical and para-medical staff is decided by the State Health Departments and the Directorates of ISM and H and this data is not maintained centrally.

Shortage of Immunoglobulin in Delhi

2245. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute shortage of anti-rabies serum-immunoglobulin, in the capital city of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what immediate steps have been taken to ensure easy availability of the serum, to prevent deaths due to animal biting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Anti Rabies Serum (ARS) of equine origin is produced only at Central Research Institute, Kasauli and is supplied to the indentors by them. Imported purified equine rabies immunoglobulins (ERIG) and human rabies immunoglobulin (HRIG)

are available but not used in all cases because of their high cost and erratic supply. Shortage of Anti Rabies Serum has been reported occasionally to the Directorate General of Health Services by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi in the past. The supply of ARS was made immediately through Central Research Institute, Kasauli to the Hospital and the Director, CRI Kasauli has been advised to ensure the timely supply to all the indentors including Delhi.

Standardizing Unani drugs

2246. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an effort to standardize the manufacture of Unani drugs and make them of the quality acceptable in the world market, the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) has signed a MOU with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian Institute of Technical Technology;

(b) whether it is a fact that coming together of CSIR and CCRUM will help to provide the world quality herbal products and health for all at an affordable cost;

(c) whether export of Unani drugs would also increase; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes Sir. The CCRUM have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CSIR on 17.5.2000 to develop bioactive molecules and to establish standardization procedure and improved processing and preserving techniques applicable to Unani System of Medicines for simple and compound formulation for global competitions.

(b) to (d) The exchange of scientific knowledge between the two organisations and development of standards for manufacture of Unani drugs would not only provide the quality drugs of international standards at affordable cost but would certainly help in increase in the export of unani drugs.